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DERIVATIVES

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed November 9, 2006, in which the Examiner has required restriction among the following Groups:

Group I (Claims 1-15, 20 and 22-24): Directed to compounds of formula (I);
and

Group II (claims 19, 25 and 26): Directed to methods of using the compound of formula (I).

Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I (claims 1-15, 20, and 22-24) without traverse for continued examination.

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The Office Action further requires that a single species of formula (I) be elected.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect 2-[(4-tert-butyl-benzenesulfonyl)-(3-dimethylaminophenyl)-amino]-*N*-ethyl-*N*-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-ylmethyl)-acetamide, of Example 87 (see page 85, lines 1-7 of the present specification) without traverse. Claims 1, 4, 14, 15, 20 and 22-24 are readable on the elected species.

Consideration of the present application in view of the above elections is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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